

Washington, DC -- Legislation, co-sponsored by U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica), to help local communities detect and clean up methamphetamine labs was signed into law last week.

“As a former District Attorney, I know first-hand the devastating impact of meth labs on rural communities across Upstate New York,” **Arcuri said**. “Meth production harms innocent people who live in households where production takes place – turning local housing into deadly chemical time bombs. The toxic residue left behind in meth labs also threatens the health of local law enforcement officers working to end meth production. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this legislation and glad the President has signed it into law.”

The Drug Enforcement Administration reports that more than 30 meth labs were seized in New York State in 2006.

“This legislation will assist communities in establishing safe, reliable methods for cleaning up meth labs in a way that minimizes environmental and health risks to the public and those who conduct the clean-up process,” **said Arcuri**.

### The Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007 (H.R. 365):

- Charges the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the development of health-based voluntary guidelines to assist state and local authorities in cleaning up former meth lab sites.
- Requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to support research to develop methamphetamine lab detection technologies with an emphasis on field test kits and site detection for local law enforcement.
- Directs the EPA to work with the National Academy of Sciences to study the long-term health impact of exposure to meth labs on children and first responders and recommend an agenda for the EPA research program.
- The President signed The Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007 (H.R. 365) into law on Friday, December 14th. The bill passed the House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support back in February.

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